

Conference Registration Information

Online conference registration is now available on a secured web site! Our conference is growing every year therefore this year we have contracted a third party, Pennsylvania State University (PSU), to help logistically. All registrations will be handled directly by PSU. We are excited about our new online registration and are confident it will benefit our participants.

Registration by credit card. Visit our website at www.offering.psu.edu/greatlakesconference for online registration. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are accepted.

Registration by check. Visit FAA - Great Lakes Region's Conference website for the printable registration form. Make check payable to Penn State.

Please mail form to the following address.

CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES REGISTRATION
The Pennsylvania State University
Box 108
State College, PA 16804

Fees are based on date payment is postmarked:

	Before Oct. 14, 2008	On or after Oct. 14, 2008
Participant fee	\$365.00	\$390.00
Exhibitor fee	\$565.00	\$590.00
Additional company rep. with exhibitor/FAA/University student	\$175.00	\$200.00
Safety During Construction/ Training Workshop	\$135/\$210*	\$160/\$235*
Pavement Management Workshop	\$135/\$210*	\$160/\$235*
How to Optimize/Planning, Environmental and Financial Processes Workshop	\$135/\$210*	\$160/\$235*
TOTAL		

* Price for participants only attending workshop

For hotel accommodations please contact the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center. To receive the conference hotel rate of \$218.00 per night or prevailing GSA per diem rate, vacancies permitting, phone the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center at (847) 303-4100 prior to October 14, 2008

Contact Cindi Leitner at (847) 294-8314 or email cindi.leitner@faa.gov if you have any questions.

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24th Annual Great Lakes Region
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November 5-7, 2008

Conference and Hotel Location:
Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel
and Convention Center
1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, Illinois
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Great Lakes Region Airports Division
2300 E. Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

Customer Service at its Best

Dear Aviation Professionals:

I would like to invite you to Schaumburg, Illinois for the annual Airports Conference. This is the 24th year the Great Lakes Region Airports Division is sponsoring this event. We are once again at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center. This wonderful setting is the perfect place to share information and foster growing partnerships.

On Wednesday, November 5th, three pre-conference workshops will be offered. This year's topics are Safety During Construction, Airport Pavement Management, and How to Optimize Planning, Environmental, and Financial Processes. Please register early because there is limited enrollment.

Small conference rooms will also be available for you to meet with your Airports District Office staff. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and set-up a meeting.

We strive to make our event the best it can be. While you are attending our conference, please feel free to give us your viewpoint on the agenda, conference services, and the hotel. Your remarks will help us in our future planning efforts.

Our dedicated Airports Division staff has put together an outstanding conference program that should address the needs of our customers in the Great Lakes Region. We need your participation to make this conference a continued success!

We look forward to seeing you this year!



Jeri Alles
Manager, Airports Division

General Information

The Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center is located approximately 15 miles from Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Only one mile from the legendary Woodfield Mall, the hotel is just minutes from upscale dining and shopping, as well as a number of tourist attractions. The hotel and convention center are located in the same facility.

We will provide a certificate of attendance for those interested in attending the conference workshop to acquire Professional Development Hours (PDH).

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The registration fee covers the program supplies, Wednesday and Thursday evening receptions, Thursday and Friday Continental breakfasts and lunches, and light refreshments during the course of the conference. A variety of dinner options are available in the Schaumburg area. Registrants are responsible for any other meals and all lodging costs. Registration will be different than the previous years. We will no longer accept faxed registration forms; however, we will take online registration on a secured web site using credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover). Registration forms can be printed from this web site and mailed in. Please make checks payable to Penn State.

Cancellation

If your request to withdraw is received in writing by October 14, 2008, you will be issued a partial refund. Send your written request by fax to 814-863-5190. A \$50 administration fee will be charged for each withdrawal. No refunds will be issued on cancellations received after October 14, 2008. Substitutions are allowed at any time.

Exhibits

We are inviting exhibitors from a wide variety of interest areas. Exhibits will be open on Thursday and Friday during the conference hours. Please contact Cindi Leitner at (847) 294-8314 for additional details. Exhibitor set-up is Wednesday, November 5, 2008 after 8:00 pm.

Presentations

A majority of the presentations given during the conference will be available online on the FAA Great Lakes Region Conference website. They will be made available several weeks after the closing of the conference.

Travel

Airports conference participants have a myriad of travel options available to them ranging from rental vehicles, taxicab service, and limousine service. The Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center is approximately fifteen miles northwest of Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport.

Chicago taxicabs are available at the airport on a first come, first service basis. A Chicago taxi will charge 1.5 meter for a suburban trip.

Conference at a Glance

Planned Conference Agenda

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

1:00 pm Workshops (Safety during Construction workshop departs 12:30 pm)

5:00 pm Early conference registration/reception

8:00 pm Exhibit hall available for set-up

Thursday, November 6, 2008

7:00 am Registration

8:30 am **Welcome, Opening Remarks & Award Presentations** – Jeri Alles, Manager, Great Lakes Region, Airports Division

9:30 am **Certification/Operations** – Safety Risk Management (SRM) Process

Planning – Optimizing the Planning Financing And Implementation Cycle

Engineering – Boeing Product Overview

Compliance/Land Use – Land Acquisition

Runway Safety – Aftermath of a Runway Incursion/Accident

10:30 am **Break**

11:00 am **Certification/Operations** – Safety Management Systems (SMS)

Planning – Updates in Aviation Planning and Technical Resources

Engineering – Airport Marking

Compliance/Land Use – Relocation Benefits

Runway Safety – Low Cost Simulators for Ground Vehicle Operators

12:00 pm **Lunch**

Speaker – Rosemarie Andolino, Executive Director, O'Hare Modernization Program

1:30 pm **Certification/Operations** – SMS – Airport Case Study

Planning – Advanced Environmental Processing

Engineering – Indianapolis Midfield Terminal Case Study

Compliance/Land Use – Pavement Management/Grant Assurances

Runway Safety – Airport Moving Maps and Direct Warning Systems

2:30 pm **Break**

3:00 pm **Certification/Operations** – NOTAMS – Current/Future

Planning – Land Use Management – Off Airport

Engineering – Pavement Design

Compliance/Land Use – NEXGEN

Runway Safety – SMS Reducing the Risk of Runway Incursions

4:30 – 6:00 pm **Reception/Social**

Friday, November 7, 2008

8:00 am **Certification/Operations** – Avian/FOD Radar

Planning – Land Use Management – On Airport

Engineering – Airport GIS (Aeronautical Survey 201) Part 1

Compliance/Land Use – Noise Land Use

9:00 am **Break**

9:30 am **Certification/Operations** – ARFF Training – Ideas to Improve Your Training Program

Planning – Understanding Your Obligations When You Accept AIP Grants

Engineering – Airport GIS (Aeronautical Survey 201) Part 2

Compliance/Land Use – New Technologies from the Research Tech Center

10:30 am **Break**

11:00 am **Certification/Operations** – Winter Operations

Planning – Terminal Planning and Development

Engineering – Obstruction Evaluation / Airport Airspace Analysis (OE/AAA)

Compliance/Land Use – Wildlife Hazard Management

12:00 pm **Lunch/Closing Remarks**

Three in-depth workshops will be held on Wednesday, November 5th. These workshops have limited enrollment, and will present detailed information in the following specialized subject areas:

- Safety During Construction
- Airport Pavement Management
- How to Optimize Planning, Environmental and Financial Processes

These workshops are eligible for professional development credit.

Safety During Construction is critical for all airside construction projects. Ensuring safety at the airport begins and ends with a comprehensive training program that adequately educates essential construction personnel to safely perform their duties while operating in a complex and dynamic environment. This workshop will take you through the critical elements of an effective training program geared towards airport and contractor personnel. The workshop will also assist airport operators in establishing an effective training program. Following the workshop, an airfield construction tour will be conducted at Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). Regional FAA Airport Certification Staff personnel will also be present and participating in the workshop. This workshop will be conducted off-site. A bus will be departing the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center to ORD at 12:30pm. During registration please confirm the bus pickup location (limited to 40 seats).

Airport Pavement Management will provide the information you need to protect one of the largest investments at your airport – the pavement infrastructure. It will include an overview of pavement management, a review of what pavement distresses to look out for, and a discussion of pavement repair techniques. It will also answer your questions about how to remain in compliance with Grant Assurance #11 regarding pavement maintenance management, and discuss the aspects of Grant Assurance #19 that relate to pavements. Representatives from Applied Pavement Technology, Inc. will be presenting the course (limited to 70 seats).

How to Optimize Planning, Environmental and Financial Processes

Have you ever had a project that you thought was ready to proceed into implementation, only to be delayed by an unanticipated problem with the planning, environmental permitting or financial resources? Whether you represent a state aeronautical agency, an airport owner or a consultant, this workshop offers an opportunity to work collaboratively with FAA personnel to understand how careful planning, effective coordination and early identification of issues can prevent wasted time, energy and resources later in the project cycle. This workshop will be highly interactive and will draw heavily upon the experiences and ideas of the participants (limited to 70 seats).

Conference Location

Parking

Complimentary on-site parking ■ Valet parking, fee: 14 USD daily ■ Applies to Hotel Only

Area Airports

Chicago O'Hare International Airport - ORD

Phone: 1 800 832 6352 ■ Hotel direction: 13.0 mi NW
Driving Directions: West on Interstate 90, exit Route 53 North. Take Algonquin Road exit. Turn right at Algonquin Road head west. Turn left at Meacham Road, 2 blocks to Thoreau Dr., then left. Turn right into hotel & convention center complex. Visit flychicago.com for airport info.

This hotel does not provide shuttle service ■ Estimated taxi fare: 65.00 USD (one way)

Chicago Midway Airport - MDW

Phone: 1 800 832 6352 ■ Hotel direction: 32.0 mi NW
Driving Directions: Take 290 West, it merges with 53 North. Take Algonquin Road exit. Turn right at Algonquin Road head west. Turn left at Meacham Road, 2 blocks to Thoreau Dr., then left. Turn right into hotel & convention center complex. Visit flychicago.com for airport info.

This hotel does not provide shuttle service ■ Estimated taxi fare: 75.00 USD (one way)

Other Transportation

Bus Station ■ Pace Northwest Transportation Center (2.0 mi NE)
Subway Station ■ Metra Schaumburg-Milwaukee District West Line (10.0 mi SW)
Train Station ■ Metra Palatine-Union Pacific Northwest Line
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